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Education

Scholarships to depressed classes pupils in Government hostels at Madras and Masulipatam.

*1769 Q.—Mr. V. RAMJEE RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction has not given scholarships to the college students belonging to the depressed classes who are inmates of the hostels started by the Government at Madras and Masulipatam ;

(b) whether the Commissioner of Labour has recommended the pupils ; and

(c) whether the Government will place on the table the names of pupils in each district, to whom scholarships were granted by the Director of Public Instruction with particulars of their caste and class ?

A.—(a) No. Eight out of eleven applicants residing in the hostels referred to have been awarded scholarships.

(b) Yes.

(c) The following statement gives the information for this year :—

Number and name.	Class.	Caste.	District.
1. G. C. Narasinhalu	I	Boya	Madras.
2. I. Subbayya	I	Adi-Dravida	Tinnevelly.
3. M. Rajavelu	I	Do.	Madras.
4. J. Subba Rao	I	Adi-Andhra	East Godavari.
5. M. Parvathi	I	Kallar	Madras.
6. S. Thirumalayya	II	Yerukula	Do.
7. R. Sankaram	II	Fisherman	Do.
8. K. Appakannu Raju.	II	Adi-Andhra	Chidambaram.
9. P. Anjayya	II	Padayachi	East Godavari.
10. P. Unni	III	Fisherman	Madras.
11. S. Sitaraman	III	Settibalija	Do.
12. P. Konnan	IV	Fisherman	Do.
	(Hons.)		
13. S. Swayamprakasam.	IV	Kallar	Do.
14. P. L. Adinarayanan.	IV	Adi-Andhra	Kistna.

Note.—Of the above, eight were awarded fresh scholarships, while the remaining six were students whose scholarships were renewed.

Mr. N. SIVA RAJ :—" Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state, with reference to the answer to clause (c) whether the following castes come under the depressed classes, viz., Padayachi, Settibalija and Kallar ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" They all belong to the backward communities."

Mr. N. SIVA RAJ :—" In that case why are they described as depressed classes ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" In connexion with the reservation of scholarships, they come under this category."